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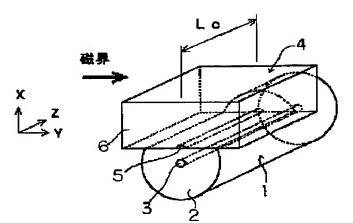
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TITLE

: FIBER TYPE OPTICAL ISOLATOR



ABSTRACT :

PURPOSE: To provide an optical isolator which is small in size, low in cost and simple in constitution and has high versatility by impressing a magnetic field perpendicular to a progressing direction of light to a waveguide layer consisting of a magneto-optical material to generate non-reciprocity distribution coupling between an optical fiber and a non-reciprocity waveguide.

CONSTITUTION: This fiber type optical isolator is constituted by removing a part of a clad 2 of an ordinary single mode optical fiber 1 for transmission formed by using an isotropic material, such as quartz glass, and loading the non-reciprocity waveguide 4 consisting of the magneto-optical material thereon. A waveguide layer 5 which is formed on the non-reciprocity waveguide 4 and varies in refractive index is similarly formed out of magneto-optical material. Reflection and scattering at the terminal of the non-reciprocity waveguide 4 are eliminated and the characteristics are improved if a light absorptive material 6 is mounted at the terminal. The magnetic field is impressed in the direction Y perpendicular to the progressing direction in order to generate a non-reciprocity phase shift in the non-reciprocity waveguide 4. The light propagating in the core 3 of the optical fiber 1 generates distribution coupling with the waveguide layer 5 in the part where the non-reciprocity waveguide 4 exists. The light power is thus transferred.

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